

2025-2026 Confirmation Requirements

- 1. Register by December 1st, 2025. To register, submit the following documents:
 - a. Confirmation Registration"
 - b. Confirmation Name & Sponsor
 - c. A copy of all sacramental certificates (i.e., Baptism, First Reconciliation, & First Eucharist) if your child made the sacraments at a church other than a Family #22 Church
- 2. Find a sponsor a faith mentor to support, encourage, & pray with and for the candidate
 - a. Your sponsor needs to be a practicing Roman Catholic and be in good standing in his/her church. He or she must be a baptized and confirmed Catholic, as well as attend Mass regularly. Sponsors must submit a letter from their parish stating this information.
 - b. Parents of confirmation candidates cannot serve as their child's sponsor.
 - c. Family #22 parishioners serving as sponsors should contact the CRE to ensure eligibility.
 - d. Submit sponsor letters to CRE by January 1, 2026.
- 3. Attend Mass weekly
- 4. Actively attend faith formation at school or at a Family #22 church. Children who do not receive religious education at school must attend Family #22 Faith Formation classes and maintain good attendance.
- 5. Complete online sacrament prep class. Class information will be emailed to parents around mid-January so that the class can be completed on-line and at-home between February 1st and May 1st. Confirmation sacrament prep classes must be complete and paperwork must be submitted by May 1st.
- 6. Attend Family #22 Confirmation Retreat
 - a. Date: Saturday, March 8, 2026
 - b. Time: 11:00 (Mass) & 12 to 5:00 (lunch provided)
 - c. Location: St. Louis Church Hall (basement)
- 7. Complete service hours: 10 total community service hours, 4 of which need to be completed within the churches that make up family #22 Parish community (St. Louis, Blessed Sacrament).
 - a. Use the Confirmation Service Form to document hours (located on St. Louis website)
 - b. Obtain a signature from the site supervisor every time you volunteer
 - c. Hours must be completed & the Community Service form submitted no later than May 1, 2026.
- *Volunteer opportunities at the churches are posted in the bulletin. Check the weekly bulletins and/or church websites for specific dates & times for these events. Plan to have your 4 church volunteer hours completed by Easter (April 5th). We offer lots of volunteer opportunities in the fall, around Christmas, throughout winter, and at Easter; **however, volunteer opportunities are usually not available after Easter.**
- **It is not possible to submit an individual's name to the diocese for Confirmation without the service hour requirement completed by the required due date.

Spring 2026 Confirmation Mass:

The Confirmation Ceremony and Mass will be Sunday, May 24th, 2026, at 3 p.m. at St. Joseph's Cathedral.

Submit completed forms and direct all inquiries to the CRE, Ashlee Campbell, via:

Mail: St Louis Church, Attn: Ashlee Campbell, 35 Edward Street, Buffalo, NY 14202-1505

Fax: 716.853.9225

Email: Religioused@stlouisrcchurch.org